

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/718,737

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 05/12/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 8-18, 20 and 22-29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Pertinent Art

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

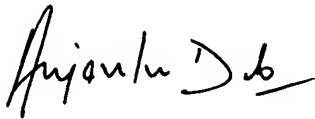
Batzel (US 6,441,572 B2) discloses control circuit for applying a test voltage (pulse signal) to a selected phase winding of motor and response to the applied voltage is measured at the open phase (non-driven phase) of the motor for the detection of rotor angle in a motor (Fig. 1). Batzel did not disclose generating a pulse signal to a selected driven phase winding through at least four inverter transistors configured within the electronic control circuit and detecting said pulse signal for the purpose of one of a signal presence and absence thereof at a non-driven phase winding as a result of said pulse signal.

2. Dunfield (US 5,254,914 A) discloses method and apparatus for the detection of the position of a rotor in a brushless DC motor (BLDC) comprising driving phase 1 of motor 104 with a test current pulse (i_1) and detecting a voltage induced in non-driven phase 2 (column 6 lines 23-33)(Fig. 4). Dunfield did not disclose generating a pulse signal to a selected driven phase winding through at least four inverter transistors configured within the electronic control circuit and detecting said pulse signal for the purpose of one of a signal presence and absence thereof at a non-driven phase winding as a result of said pulse signal.

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Contact Information

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